

# DAVID GRAYBILL

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## FARM SUMMARY

After growing up on a poultry farm, David Graybill now owns and operates Red Sunset Farm, a dairy farm in Juniata County. He milks approximately 60 head of registered Holsteins and raises replacement heifers. In addition to his main feed crops, he grows sunflowers, wheat and buckwheat as cover crops, and all of his cropland is no-till. Dave utilizes buffer strips along waterways, implements contour farming, has 15 acres of trees as wildlife habitat, and 30 colonies of bees as pollinators, and has made many updates to minimize the farm's environmental footprint. The farm has had a voluntary nutrient management plan since 2011 and is enrolled in the NRCS Conservation Stewardship Program.

## LEADERSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

### ***Pennsylvania Farm Bureau***

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| 2019 - Present | Executive Committee, State Board of Directors  |
| 2014 - Present | District 10 Director, State Board of Directors   |
| 2011 - Present | State Dairy Committee (Chair, beginning 2020)  |
| 2016 - 2019    | Chair, State Natural and Environmental Resources Committee   |
| 2001 - 2014    | Board Member, Juniata County Farm Bureau (President, 2003-2004, 2007-2014/<br>Vice President, 2002, 2005-2006) |

### ***American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF)***

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| 2017 - Present | Member, Environmental Regulations Issues Advisory Committee |
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### ***Agriculture and Environmental Leadership***

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| 2017 - Present | Chesapeake Bay Foundation's Farmer Advisory Committee   |
| 2017 - 2019    | Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Watershed Implementation Plan Phase 3 Committee; and Chesapeake Bay Partnership Ag Work Group |
| 2006 - 2019    | Farmer Advisory Committee, Juniata County School District   |
| 2008 - 2014    | Secretary, West Branch Crop Association   |
| 1996 - 2000    | Beaver Fair Board; Snyder County Extension Board; and Snyder County Youth Livestock Committee   |

## AWARDS & RECOGNITION

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| 2018 | Environmental Stewardship Award, American Dairy Association Northeast |
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## WORK HIGHLIGHTS

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| 1996 - 2000 | Agriculture Education Teacher, Middleburg High School<br><i>Taught agriculture education, including FFA leadership, veterinary science, small engines, construction, plumbing, electrical wiring, welding, and the adult young farmers program. One of the first individuals certified as a nutrient plan writer in Pennsylvania.</i> |
| 1989 - 1996 | Broiler Flock Supervisor, Pennfield Feeds<br><i>Worked as a broiler flock supervisor. Additional responsibilities included designing and constructing a new broiler house, supervising chicken catching and broiler house disinfection crews. Held commercial pesticide license for the division.</i>                                 |

## EDUCATION

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| 1989 | Bachelor's Degree in Agricultural Education<br>Minor, Poultry / Teaching Certification, Agricultural Education and General Science<br><i>The Pennsylvania State University</i> |
| 1987 | Associate's Degree<br><i>Hesston College, Kansas</i>   |